



LEA Grant Update

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SGMS UNVEILS THE GRANT TRACKER

Tracking federal funding in the state of Louisiana has been a continuous priority for the Louisiana State Grants Management Section (SGMS) since its inception in early 2005. Using Federal Assistance Awards Database System (FAADS) information from the United States Census Bureau, SGMS has created a Geographic Information System (GIS) to map incoming federal funds to state and local entities.

Titled the **Grant Tracker**, the SGMS GIS system functions as a visual representation of the distribution of federal funds within the state of Louisiana. The FAADS data is compiled from federal department reports on funds granted to states, local governments and auxiliary recipients (only awards to

government divisions and subdivisions are included in the Grant Tracker system).

The Grant Tracker provides the user with several



<http://www.doa.state.la.us/cdbg/SGMSGis.htm>

different options concerning the information viewed. Through layering and query functions, the user controls what information is shown on the map. The layer function allows the user to select from a list of specific options shown on the map.

For example, the user would click on the “parishes” button on the menu and refresh the map to see information for parishes.

In the query function, the user can apply in-depth instructions to the map, controlling what information is exhibited. For example, the user could ask for all competitive grants equal to \$100,000, and a report would generate detailing all information complying with the query.

Other functions of the Grant Tracker include identifying background information for individual points on the map and zooming in to specific areas of the state. The user can search for specific grants using the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number along with Senate and House district numbers and apply buffer zones to

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locate certain projects within a certain area.

In the summer of 2006, users will be able to query information collected from State Agencies that will provide a “picture” of funds passed through State Agencies to local or regional entities, whether competitive or formula funds. This will be updated each fiscal year with prior year data.

Additional Prospect Research Sites Continued from Last Newsletter

1. The U.S. Government's Official Web Portal

This is where you can go to sign up to receive notices on grants and different agency news.

http://www.firstgov.gov/Contact/E-mail_subscriptions.html
(click on Government Benefits, Grants and Financial Aid)

<http://apps.gsa.gov/>
FirstGovCommonSubscriptionService.php (click on all areas that interest you)

2. American Library Association Washington Office Newsline

[http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washnews/news.htm - sub](http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washnews/news.htm)

3. The Center for Health and Health in Schools

<http://www.healthinschools.org/grants/alerts.asp>

4. United States Department of Education

<http://www.ed.gov/news/newsletters/index.html>

5. The NEA Foundation

<http://www.neafoundation.org/grants.htm>

6. School Safety Grants

<http://www.schoolsafetygrants.info/>

7. National Science Foundation List Serve

<http://www.nsf.gov/funding/>

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Grant Title: MetLife Foundation Bridge Builders Grant Program

Purpose: The National Association of Secondary School Principals is inviting public middle and high schools serving large numbers of low-income students and/or underrepresented minorities (40 percent or more of the student body) to apply for a \$5,000 grant to implement a special initiative aimed at building better relationships among adults and students.

Eligibility: Public middle and high school principals

Amount: 25 awards of \$5,000 each

Deadline: April 17, 2006

Contact:

http://www.principals.org/s_nassp/sec.asp?CID=568&DID=48228



Grant Title:

AVT Essay Contest

Purpose: AVerMedia Technologies is sponsoring an essay contest that gives U.S. teachers and administrators the chance to win one of five new AVerVision document cameras for their classrooms. The contest requires teachers, administrators, or their students to write a 100- to 300-word essay describing how a document camera would benefit their classroom. Four prizes,

ranging in value from \$500 to \$1,500, will be given to the best and most creative entries. Only one submission per classroom is allowed.

Eligibility: U.S. schools, teachers, and administrators

Amount: Equipment

Deadline: April 28, 2006

Contact: <http://www.avermedia-usa.com/contest.shtml>

Recorded Books

Grant Title: Audio-Enhanced Classroom Kit Grant

Purpose: To help support literacy development for struggling readers, Califone International is offering K-12 teachers and administrators the chance to win a fully equipped, audio-enhanced classroom kit.

Organization: Califone International and Recorded Books

Eligibility: K-12 teachers and administrators

Amount: Three classroom kits worth \$5,000 each

Deadline: April 30, 2006

Contact: http://www.recordedbooks.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=specials.sch_grant



Grant Title: Win a Wireless Lab Sweepstakes

Purpose: CDW-G and Discovery Education are holding their fourth annual "Win a Wireless Lab Sweepstakes" to give schools the chance to win technology for their classrooms. Two wireless com-

puter labs, each worth more than \$40,000, will be awarded as grand prizes. Each grand prize includes 20 HP or Lenovo Tablet PCs, a PolyVision Lightening RM Easiteach calibration-free interactive whiteboard, an HP or InFocus LCD projector, and an HP LaserJet printer.

Eligibility: Public and private school educators in the United States

Amount: Two grand prizes and more than 30 runner-up prizes

Deadline: May 1, 2006

Contact: <http://www.discoverschool.com/cdwg>



Grant Title: ING Unsung Heroes

Purpose: The awards are given to K-12 educators pioneering in new methods and techniques that improve student learning. Educators submit applications describing projects they have initiated or would like to create. Their applications are judged on their innovative teaching methods, creative educational projects, and ability to make a positive influence on the children they teach.

Eligibility: K-12 teachers

Amount: 100 awards of \$2,000 each, plus additional prizes.

Deadline: May 1, 2006

Contact: <http://www.ing.com/us/about/connect/education/unsungapplication.pdf>

 <p>Grant Title: Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Relief Grant</p> <p>Purpose: To support the disaster relief efforts in the Gulf Coast region. The donation includes self-paced interactive curricula to help reestablish agricultural and computer science/technology education programs in the area. Half of the funds will go to video game development curriculum and will be given to computer science/technology education programs. This story-based curriculum allows students to learn how to make 3D video games. The other half of the money will go to horticulture and landscape design curriculum and will give students the opportunity to make an impact on the devastated region.</p> <p>Eligibility: Educators and schools in the affected areas</p> <p>Amount: \$150,000 in educational curriculum</p> <p>Deadline: May 1, 2006</p> <p>Contact: http://www.isupportlearning.com/relief.htm</p>  <p>Grant Title: Save Our History</p> <p>Purpose: Save Our History grants fund projects that enliven the study of history. History organizations including museums, historical societies, preservation</p>	<p>organizations, archives, libraries, and government agencies can partner on projects with a school district, a coalition of schools, one school, or an organization that provides educational programming for children.</p> <p>Eligibility: Nonprofit or history organizations</p> <p>Amount: 25 awards worth \$1,000 to \$5,000 each.</p> <p>Deadline: June 2, 2006</p> <p>Contact: http://target.com/target_group/community_giving/arts_in_education_grants.jhtm</p>  <p>Grant Title: Target Reading Grants</p> <p>Purpose: To award schools, libraries and nonprofit organizations with programs promoting a love of reading or encouraging families to read together. Target particularly focuses on programs that inspire the youngest readers (birth through third grade). Examples of Reading Grants are: Saturday Superstars Book Club, Readers for Life, After School Read Aloud and Families Read Together.</p> <p>Eligibility: Nonprofits, schools, and libraries</p> <p>Amount: \$1,000 - \$3,000</p> <p>Deadline: May 31, 2006</p> <p>Website: http://target.com/target_group/community_giving/arts_in_education_grants.jhtm</p>	 <p>Grant Title: Chairman's Emergency Grants: Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.</p> <p>Purpose: The US National Endowment for the Humanities if offering this grant to reduce hurricane damage in affected communities.</p> <p>Eligibility: Libraries, museums, colleges, universities, and other cultural and historical institutions in Gulf Coast areas affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.</p> <p>Amount: Up to \$30,000 to cover costs you expect to incur in your recovery effort.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describe the mission of your institution; • summarize its humanities programs, activities, and collections; • define the nature and extent of the emergency brought on by the hurricane; • outline your plan of action to address your institution's immediate recovery needs; and • provide a budget summarizing the funds you are requesting (up to \$30,000) to cover costs you expect to incur in your recovery effort. <p>Website: http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/hurricanekatrina.html</p>
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Grant Title: Toyota Tapestry Grants for Teachers

Organization: National Science Teachers Association

Eligibility: K-12 Teachers of science. Middle and high school science teachers must teach at least two science classes per day. Elementary teachers must teach some science in the classroom or work as teaching specialists.

Amount: Fifty one-year grants of up to \$10,000 each will be awarded and 20 mini-grants of up to \$2,500 each will be awarded for the 2006 competition.

Deadline: January 18, 2007

Toyota Tapestry grants will be awarded in three categories:

- environmental science education
- physical science applications
- literacy and science education.

Website:

<http://www.nsta.org/programs/tapestry/program.htm>



The Coca-Cola Foundation supports high-quality education and encourages new solutions to the problems that impede educational systems today. It also supports programs that have been proven to work. The foundation makes grants to public and private colleges and universities, elementary and secondary schools, teacher training programs, educational

programs for minority students, and global educational programs. The Coca-Cola Foundation Board of Directors reviews funding proposals in quarterly meetings. All requests receive a written response when the review process is complete.

Eligibility: Schools, Higher Ed

Due Date: Board reviews applications at quarterly meetings

Amount: Varies

Website: <http://www2.coca-cola.com/citizenship/guidelines.pdf>



Grant Title:

Lowe's Outdoor Classroom Grant Program

Mission: To provide outdoor, hands-on science education to students in grades K-12 and assist schools in enhancing their core curriculum in all subjects.

Eligibility: All K-12 public schools in the United States (excluding Puerto Rico) are welcome to apply.

Amount: This school year, the program will award grants of up to \$2,000 to at least 100 schools. In some cases, grants for up to \$20,000 may be awarded to schools or school districts with major outdoor classroom projects. The grants can be used to build a new outdoor classroom or to enhance a current outdoor classroom at the school.

Deadline: Rolling

Website:

<http://www.lowes.com/lowes/lkn?action=pg&p=AboutLowes/outdoor/apply1.html>



Grant Title: Nickelodeon Announces Giveaway Program to Encourage Healthy Play.

Purpose: Children's television network Nickelodeon will distribute more than \$1 million from September 2005 to June 2006. The "Let's Just Play" Giveaway offers kids around the United States the opportunity to take action and enter for a chance to improve their school's or community's fitness resources.

Maximum Award: \$5000.

Eligibility: Kids (6-15 years of age) partnering with teachers and other community-based leaders.

Deadline: Rolling, until May 31, 2006.

Website: http://www.nick.com/all_nick/everything_nick/



Grant Title: Hope for Education

Purpose: Teachers, administrators, parents, and students may enter the contest by writing a 100-word essay on why their school and students are in need of digital technology in the classroom. Samsung has teamed

<p>up with Microsoft on this initiative to offer \$2.1 million in digital technology to 21 winning schools. The essay contest runs from March 1 to June 30.</p> <p>Eligibility: K-12 teachers, administrators, parents, and students</p> <p>Amount: 21 awards worth \$2.1 million total</p> <p>Deadline: June 30, 2006</p> <p>Contact: http://www.usatoday.com/educate/hopeforeducation/index.html</p>  <p>Grant Title: Program for 7-12 Math and Science Education</p> <p>Purpose: To improve instruction for students in grades 7-12. The foundation awards grants of \$5,000 on a rolling basis. For grants of more than \$5,000, applications are due Feb. 1 and Aug. 1 of each year.</p> <p>Eligibility: Educators in grades 7-12</p> <p>Amount: \$5,000 per award; number of awards varies.</p> <p>Deadline: February 1 through August 1 of each year.</p> <p>Website: http://www.toshiba.com/taf/25964_Executive.pdf</p>  <p>Grant Title: The Newspaper Association of America(R) Foundation -- Partnerships Grants for Student Newspapers</p> <p>Purpose: The Newspaper Association of America(R) Foundation</p>	<p>will award Student/Newspaper Partnership Grants to student newspapers that are in danger of closing or have stopped publishing. These grants will provide seed money to help establish or revive student newspapers. Grants will be awarded to schools that present proposals to create a newspaper where none exists, or to stabilize and strengthen newspapers that are at risk of going under. Grants may be used to cover newspaper production and distribution costs, and to train the adviser and staff members.</p> <p>Eligibility: High school and junior high school teachers and administrators, and representatives from newspapers or universities may apply.</p> <p>Amount: Up to 20 grants will be awarded annually. Awards will be for up to \$2,500 and will be made for a one-year period.</p> <p>Website: http://www.naafoundation.org/upload/prtnrshpsgrntwnrs06.pdf</p>  <p>Grant Title: Enslow Publishers, Inc. is offering book donations to affected hurricane areas.</p> <p>Eligibility: School Libraries and Public Libraries affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.</p> <p>Amount: Up to \$50,000 of non-fiction library books</p> <p>Deadline: June 30, 2006</p> <p>Website: http://www.enslow.com/htmlasp.asp?file=webpr.html</p>	 <p>Grant title: Classroom grants program designed to strengthen education through digital imaging and the power of visual learning.</p> <p>Eligibility: K-12 Educators</p> <p>Amount: \$3,500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Olympus D-545 digital cameras worth \$600 • \$500 cash • Tool Factory software worth \$2000 • 30 "digital camera basics" workbooks worth \$400 <p>Due Date: June 2, 2006</p> <p>Application Requirements: Complete a one-page online application to win one of the ten classroom grants to be awarded. The application requires only basic information from the teacher, a description of the proposed project for which the grant will be used, and a budget for up to \$500. Submitted entries can be edited online any time up until the deadline.</p> <p>Website: http://www.toolfactory.com/olympus_contest/olympus_teacher.htm</p>
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Due Date: January 1 through November 30.

Purpose: To focus on improving basic and computer literacy, enriching communities through technology, and creating a skilled work force.

Eligibility: Elementary and secondary schools that focus on one or more of the following priority areas: Verizon Reads (Literacy), Verizon Connects (Technology), and Verizon Wireless HopeLine (Domestic Violence Prevention).

Website:

<http://foundation.verizon.com/04008.shtml>

Next Grant Writing Classes

April 4, Lake Charles

April 11, Thibodeaux

May 10, Cane River

Please Call 225-342-7412 to Register and to receive Additional Details

Does your School Board Have a DUNS and CCR Number?



In order to apply for a federal grant, the applicant needs to have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. A Central Contractor Registration (CCR) number is also required for online applications. This number is required for on-line applications through www.grants.gov. You can register for these two numbers at www.ccr.gov. Click on "New Registration" in order to begin the process for both numbers.

SGMS is on the WEB!

Check out our new website for grant opportunities and access to our grant database. The website is :

[Http://www.doa.state.la.us/cdbg/sgmshome.htm](http://www.doa.state.la.us/cdbg/sgmshome.htm)

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